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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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Farm Service Agency

TITLE: United States Warehouse Act (USWA)

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0560-0120

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: The Secretary of Agriculture authorizes the Farm Service Agency (FSA) as specified in the USWA to license public warehouse operators that are in the business of storing agricultural products; to examine such federally-licensed warehouses and to license qualified persons to sample, inspect, weigh, and classify agricultural products.. FSA licenses over half of all commercial grain and cotton warehouse capacities in the United States. The USWA and Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) functions are administered by FSA. Although there are several types of warehouses covered under the USWA and CCC function, the reporting requirements within a particular warehouse type are essentially the same. With some exceptions, the same forms are used bilaterally, that is, they are used for both USWA licensing and CCC purposes.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: FSA will collect information as a basis to (1) determine whether or not the warehouse and the warehouse operator making application for licensing and/or approval meets applicable standards; (2) issue such license or approvals; and (3) determine, once licensed or approved, that the licensee or warehouse operator continues to meet such standards and is conforming to regulatory or contractual obligations. Warehouses not meeting financial, bonding, operational or general approval standards may be denied and agreement (contract) unless a waiver is granted by the President or Executive Vice President of CCC.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Business or other for-profit.

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NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 3,000

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: On occasion; Annually; Other (daily record).

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 8,817.

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